

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 10

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Despite the snow that fell last week spring is definitely here and except for a few hockey representative players children's winter sport is definitely over for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have coached, managed or supported our sports teams over the winter months. As I look at the models of schools that succeed in sport the two key factors that lead to their success is continual support and skill development.

So thank you once again to all of you, your continual support leads to your children having a greater range of opportunities and enjoying greater success!

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the parents who helped with making the celebration of the First Holy Communion for our pupils so special. The celebration of the Sacraments is obviously a hugely important part of our schools special character. The preparation that the children put in, and thank you to the parents who lead this, is crucial to underline the importance of the sacraments to us.

The leadership of Father Michael and Mrs Dillon has made the whole process a highly successful and enjoyable experience.

**Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan**

Otago Cross Country Champs last Friday



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Calendar of Events

September

19th Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening
7pm -see notice for details

25th School Musical Matinee

26/27th -School Musical—see details

28th End of Term 3

October

15th October Term 4 begins

18th October Mufti Day—Grocery Item for Fair

24th Senior Class 2013 Information Evening

27th School Photos—see notice attached

28th School Fair!

November

2nd Blues/Sports Assembly

6th Athletics Day

7th Room 7 Golf

27-29th Beach Education—Brighton Beach

PTA News

School Fair—28th October

Only 6 Weeks till the Fair!

Watch out for Fair Notices in your child's bag!

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

The White Elephant room in the hall is looking good, please keep those goodies coming in!

Books: both children's and adults; Kitchen Items, Clothes, Toys, Puzzles and Games, Sports Gear all sell really well.

This year we are unable to accept TV's, mattresses, and large furniture items. Thanks.

Please drop off donations to the foyer by the school office or see Pauline in the office for a key to deliver directly into the hall.

Raffle Cards

The Raffle raises a lot of money towards the school fair. The raffle cards will go home today with your Fair Notice. Please try and sell as many as possible as this is a very quick way to raise money for our school. We have two different cards each with five prize draws, great value for \$1. If you can sell extra cards you can get more from the school office.

Prizes for the children/families that sell the most cards!

Pink Slips

We have a few of these back, thank you.

These are very important for the planning of the fair so please send them back to school as we need to know you are able to provide for the fair baking/desserts/plants/craft etc and that you can help on a stall?

If you can't help on the day perhaps Grandma or Granddad can?

Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Tomorrow Wednesday 19th September 7pm

As part of our schools Health Programme we teach a programme called "Keeping Ourselves Safe" alongside the New Zealand Police.

This programme is designed to teach our pupils simple, common sense age appropriate strategies to ensure that they have the skills to keep themselves safe.

To ensure that parents are fully informed about this programme we will be holding a parent night tomorrow Wednesday 19th September at 7pm in the foyer.

Senior Class 2013 Information Evening

-24th October

Mrs Baines will lead a parent information evening for parents and pupils in our senior class for 2013.

At this meeting Mrs Baines will be able to explain:

The strategic planning for her class for next year, the range of new activities that will be available and her general organization and expectations.

The pupils for our senior class for 2013 will be in a unique position as they will be our school leaders in our new school and this meeting will present an opportunity to discuss these

A thought for the week...

If you want happiness for a lifetime
—help someone else. -Chinese Proverb

Altar Servers Sunday 23rd September

Cecilia Crooks, Chelsea Smith, Lorie Parker

St Mary's Mosgiel has registered to enter this competition!

We are having a great response to this competition, thank you! Please keep collecting these stickers!

You will find them on the Meadow Fresh Milk, Flavoured Milk and Yoghurt Products.

Each child has been given a collection sheet to put the Meadow Fresh stickers on.

Please ask family, friends, and neighbours to help collect these stickers, they are found on milk and yoghurt products.

If you know people who work in a café or rest homes, businesses etc they may be happy to collect them for you?

When your collection sheet is full bring to the school office, I have more collection sheets available.

They will all be tallied up and sent to Meadow Fresh to go into a draw to win for Art and Sports gear for our school!



Register now for Touch 2012

If you wish to register to be in a school Touch Team please put your name into the school office by this Thursday 20th, so the teams can be submitted.

Taieri Plains Junior Touch competition for this season:

Monday afternoons starting October 15, finishing December 10.

4pm Year 3-4 Boys, Girls, and Mixed grades

4.30pm Year 5-6 Boys, Girls grades

4.30pm Year 7-8 Mixed

5pm Year 5-6 Mixed

5pm Year 7-8 Boys, Girls

The Otago Touch Association have put out new registration forms this year, if your child has registered at the school office, I will enter your email address into the team registration, then you will receive the registration information through an email from Otago Touch, you click on the link that they send through to you, and select **"I'm entering for the first time"**.

Good Luck and questions please come and find Mrs Matheson, Room 4.

Headlice

Headlice are small, flat insects about 2-3cm long that breed all year round. They live on the human scalp, they cannot jump, fly or swim and they also do not carry disease. Headlice do however remain on the head after swimming or bathing/showering.

School aged children should be checked regularly once a week for headlice. Look over the scalp for insects or eggs, particularly around the hairline at the back of the neck, behind the ears and on the crown.

Using a fine tooth comb on wet hair with conditioner left in, is the best way to detect headlice.

Treatment is needed if you find a live insect on the scalp or if you find eggs within 1cm of the scalp. Speak to your doctor, practice nurse or pharmacist for advice about what treatment to use and how to use it.

This information was provided by the Ministry of Health.

Blues/Sports Assembly

We will be holding a special assembly on Friday 2nd November at the end of week three to acknowledge and celebrate the success of our pupils.

Those who have qualified to have Blues will receive them at this assembly.



Animal Antics

Tickets for our Performance will be on sale from tomorrow.
Tickets can be collected from the school foyer from tomorrow 8:45 -9 am.
A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help us cover costs.

We are having a performance on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September, at 7pm.
You need to purchase tickets for the evening you wish to attend.
There are a limited number of tickets for each nights show.

Alternatively you can send an envelope to your child's class teacher stating the exact number of tickets required, the preferred night and the money for the tickets.

-Tickets are not available directly from the school office.

There is a Matinee performance on Tuesday 25th at 1pm.

This show does not require tickets, a gold coin donation (at the door) is welcome.

Many thanks

Judy Baines (Ticket Co-ordinator)

Room 5 visited Mossbrae last week and entertained the residents



School Photos Next Thursday 27th September

Please fill in the form below **only** if you require a family photo, all children will have class and individual photos taken and you only purchase what you want.

If you want a pre-schooler/or other family member in the family photo please bring them to school from 8.30am – 9am and they will be photographed first.

Please return the form below to the school office by next Wednesday 26th.
Copies are available at the school office.



School Photographs

PO Box 11019
Musselburgh 9049
Dunedin
www.mcrobie.co.nz

Class and individual photographs will be taken for every child, if you do not wish your child to be photographed as an individual, please contact the school.

Family (including any of the following: parents, pre-schoolers or high school students) and **sibling** (brother / sister at school) photographs will be taken of children whose parents request them using this form.

Fill in the details below, only if you require family or sibling photos

I would like **sibling** photographs taken of

Child's name _____ of Room no _____

Family Photograph - If yes Please give details here of who is to be in the family photo. For example:
Mum, Dad, Pre-schoolers, High School students. These photos are normally taken before school starts.

Signed _____ Date _____

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For each and every violation of copyright *The Client* agrees to be liable
for liquidated damages of \$500.00 and liability for solicitor client costs
of enforcement.

NB: All photographs will be supplied as a proof & can be ordered later as individual photos or as a pack. There is no obligation to purchase.